

TELEGRAPHIC.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.
Bubonic plague is 'spreading' rapidly at Bombay.

The agitation for financial reform is spreading in Ireland.
Reported that Laurier was offered and declined knighthood.

France and Germany are about to greatly increase their armies.

Mrs. Stenham's case has been 'appealed' to the United States circuit court.

A Montreal aide-man, alleged to be a financial difficulty, has disappeared.

A decisive battle between the Spanish and the Cuban insurgents occurred yesterday in Pinar-Del-Rio. No details.

A serious dispute has arisen between Nicaragua and Colombia over the possession of Corra Islands.

A protest has been entered against the election of McCreary as mayor of Winnipeg.

There were 2176 business failures in Canada during 1896, against 1397 in 1895.

Father Clouthier, Catholic chaplain at Stony Mountain penitentiary, has been dismissed.

The London Spectator warns the United States not to go too far in their intervention between Spain and Cuba.

The failure of banks at Fargo and Whitehall, Michigan, are reported. Many American banks are going under.

The signing of agreement for an arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States has been delayed.

The filibustering steamer, Commodore, sank off the Florida coast. Twelve of her crew have landed, but sixteen are missing.

Archbishop Langevin is appealing to the people of France for funds to assist in maintaining Catholic schools in Manitoba.

Canadian trade with Australia is increasing rapidly, the C. P. R. and Pacific steamers being asked to provide adequate service.

TO-DAY'S TRAIN.

One car meat for H. B. Co., one car merchandise for H. B. Co., two cars sundries for various parties.

LOCAL.

IDEAL weather.

SPLENDID sleighing.

TRAIN left Calgary on time.

M. McCauley went to Beaver lake on Saturday.

F. REDARD & SONS have opened a tannery in South Edmonton.

Mrs. HETU is applying for a hotel license for the Queen's hotel.

REV. J. A. DEAN, Methodist missionary at Victoria, is in town.

F. DE JOURNAL has opened a law office adjoining the Taylor block.

JOHN HOWEY arrived from Ontario on Monday's train to teach school at Victoria.

EDITOR WHITE of the Brandon Star, is returning to take a position in the Ottawa civil service.

H. SIGLER, of Sigler & Cristall, leaves on to-morrow's train for Montreal on a visit of business and pleasure.

ISAAC COWIE has removed his real estate and insurance office to the upper story of the BULLETIN building.

FUR SALES: Jas. Walsh from Sigler & Cristall \$500, small lots \$80; R. Secord from E. C. points \$800.

THE Yorkton Enterprise is to hand in its second number. It is a large, well edited weekly. J. A. Magee, managing editor.

JAS. A. SMART, of Brandon, has left for his former home in Brockville, before going to Ottawa to take his new appointment.

THE Montreal Trade Bulletin thinks the chances are good for a further rise in wheat. The London correspondent also thinks that the price of Canadian wheat will improve.

JACKSON & GRIERSON are now settled in the renovated Alberta hotel. A handsome office has been fitted up in the general sitting room, adding greatly to its appearance.

ROSS BROS. received a letter from the States last week asking for quotations for buffaloes. The firm does not keep buffaloes in stock, as they went out of fashion some years ago.

S. ECKLES, of Stony Plain, returned from a visit to Beaver lake on Sunday. The festivities of the season are attracting the principal attention of the settlers. Some wheat is being hauled to Edmonton for sale.

NORMAL school opens to-day in one of the rooms of the old building. The exact number of young teachers attending is not yet known, but will be between eight and twelve. The session will last ten weeks and will be presided over by Insp. Calder.

THE partnership existing between T. Cairns and John Kelly in the brewing and malting business has been dissolved by order of Judge Rondeau. A. McNicol has been appointed receiver and manager, and will carry on the business until the affairs of the partnership are wound up.

L. BEN'S steam grist mill at Pipestone creek on the Calgary trail about six miles north of Wetaskiwin, is now running. The capacity of the mill is about twenty-five sacks of flour per ten hours. Another run of stones is being added. A. F. DeGagne recently inspected the mill on behalf of the North-West government. The toll is the 12th bushel.

JOHN MENNELLY, of Poplar lake, told the BULLETIN recently that in following the returns appearing in the London City, Ireland, papers, he gathered that for every 100 emigrants leaving that port for Canada 1000 left for the States. Unfortunately of the hundred who nominally start for Canada most of them are merely taking the Canadian route to the States. Our late government preferred to take them from Galicia to Irishmen from London.

The private ball in Robertson's hall on New Year's eve was very successful from every point of view. Thirty-five couples assembled and dancing commenced at 9.30.

The music was furnished by the ladies and gentlemen specially gifted in that respect. The first half of the programme was concluded shortly before 12 o'clock and at 12 the assembly formed a circle and sang the old year out and the new year in to the tune "Auld Lang Syne." Refreshments were then served. The rest of the programme was entered into with a good deal of life and continued until 2 o'clock, when the dance was brought to a close.

Hockey club fancy dress carnival Tuesday, Jan. 12th.

DAN BROWN and Forbes Groat leave for the Kootenay to-morrow.

To-night is the first meeting of the newly elected town council.

A. G. McKITTRICK, Methodist mission teacher at Saddle lake, is in town.

PETER LUTIN, Jr., has been awarded the contract of carrying one trip of mail to Peace river at \$3.85.

AT last accounts P. Brunas, who was injured in a row at Wetaskiwin on Christmas night, was recovering.

A SUCCESSFUL entertainment was given by the teacher and pupils of Horse Hills public school on Tuesday, Dec. 29th.

AL. BROWN is starting a wood yard, which will supply wood required by householders in summer ready cut and split.

W. SHIBALD, late of Duck lake, who has been appointed Indian agent at Saddle lake, has arrived at that place, having travelled all the way by team.

THE plant of the Edmonton Herald was shipped to Revelstoke, B. C., on Friday's train. R. P. Pettipiece accompanied. Mr. Johnson leaves to-morrow.

HORSE HILLS school district elected W. Clark trustee on Saturday last to replace Jay McLaughlin, who retired. Alex. McLasme resigned the secretaryship of the district.

CAPTAIN HARRICK, of the Salvation army, will visit Edmonton Jan. 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th in the interest of the junior work, and will hold special meetings in the barracks every night.

ST. GEORGE'S church of England at Fort Saskatchewan was dedicated yesterday by Right Rev. Bishop Pinkham who officiated at the morning service. Rev. Messrs. Grey, d'Easum and Connelie assisted.

THIS post office authorities have been making enquiries as to the cost of carrying mails to Peace river and Fort Simpson. A monthly service may be granted to Peace river and one every two months to Fort Simpson.

JOHN MACLEAY, of Willoughby settlement, Prince Albert district, died recently.

Mr. Macleay spent most of his life as an officer of the H. B. Co. and at one time resided at Edmonton, where he owns some property. He is a brother-in-law of D. E. Noyes, St. Albert road.

THE average temperature for December was 20.4 degrees above zero. The average for the preceding twelve years was 12.3 degrees, a difference in favor of the present winter of 8 degrees. The average of December, '95, was 10 degrees, or four degrees colder than last month.

EDMONTON CUSTOMS.

Free Press, Ottawa despatch: Frank A. Osborne has been made sub collector at Edmonton, N. W. T., the new port of entry recently established by the department.

CURLING.

In the schedule games on New Year's day the following were played: Osborne—Emery.

Taylor—Shera.

In Saturday's points competition Calder took the gold button with a score of 38, DeRoux the silver with a score of 31, and T. G. Lauder and McDonald tied for the bronze with a score of 30.

SHIPMENTS.

Tuesday's train:
3 cars grain to Trail.
1 car grain to New Westminster.
1 car cattle to Calgary.
1 way car.

Friday's train:
1 car hogs to Calgary.
3 cars grain to New Westminster.
1 car grain to Ashcroft.
1 way car.

HOCKEY SCHEDULE.

Friday, Jan. 8. Thistles vs. N. W. M. P. at Fort Saskatchewan.

Friday, Jan. 15. Thistles vs. Shamrocks, at Edmonton.

Friday, Jan. 22. Shamrocks vs. N. W. M. P., at Fort Saskatchewan.

Friday, Jan. 29. Shamrocks vs. Thistles, at South Edmonton.

Friday, Feb. 5. Thistles vs. N. W. M. P., at Edmonton.

Friday, Feb. 12. Shamrocks vs. N. W. M. P., at South Edmonton.

CONDOLENCE.

The following resolution has been forwarded to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ormsby.

DEAR FRIENDS:—At an impromptu meeting of members of Court Beaver House No. 7866 of the A. O. F., it was resolved that the sympathy and condolence of our court be extended to you in the sad visitation of providence which you have suffered by the death of your beloved child. In as much as Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has deemed it best to take one of his loved ones from this transitory life and from all earthly sorrows, your dear boy, we the officers and members of Court Beaver House No. 7866 avail ourselves of this opportunity of extending our heartfelt sympathy to you in your sad bereavement, and we trust that he who doth all things well, will give you strength to bear with fortitude the loss which you have sustained, looking forward to the time when you shall meet your loved one again, where sorrow and parting are no more. With deepest sympathy we, on behalf of Court Beaver House No. 7866, remain.

THOS. G. LAUDER, W. C. R.
W. B. STENNETT, P. C. R.
J. W. KELLY, Secretary.

RIGHT REV. BISHOP PINKHAM arrived from Calgary on Thursday's train. He dedicated St. George's church, Fort Saskatchewan, yesterday morning and preached in All Saints, Edmonton, last evening.

INSR. JARVIS, Staff-Sergt. Hetherington and Peter Laid, Jr., started from Fort Saskatchewan for Lac la Piche and Fort Chipewyan this morning, by way of Saddle lake, driving three teams of dogs. They will probably not be back until spring.

HOCKEY.

The Hockey match between the juniors of the Thistle and Shamrock teams on New Year's day in South Edmonton resulted in favor of the Shamrocks by 6 goals to 3.

SADDLE LAKE.

Angus Quinlan, of Onion Lake was married to the daughter of Thos. Hunter, of Saddle Lake, on Christmas day by the Rev. A. G. McKittrick.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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OYSTERS

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ROYSTERS

imported direct from the oyster beds weekly.

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CLARKE'S.

For sale in Bulk or Can or served in latest styles at any hour at

Clarke's Grocery.

ESTRAY.

Came to the premises of the subscriber, Sec. 254-24, Polar lake settlement, about 10th December, a bay horse, weight about 1200 pounds, cropped in front feet. No brand.

15-23 JOHN MENNELLY, Edmonton.

COAL: :

AT ROSS'S MINE.

\$1 per ton. Delivered, \$1.50.

TELEPHONE ORDERS.

Public Notice.

The Edmonton Saddlery Co.'s Hall will be ready for rental in a few days. The Hall may be rented either by the night, month or year.

Apply to

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Will keep the very best stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewellery and Silverware possible for 1897. Also will be in position to do the best of work in the repairing department.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

We beg to announce that we have opened a store in the building formerly occupied by the Edmonton Saddlery Co. with a stock of G. Marshall & Co.'s goods and Flour and Feed, and expect to receive shortly a stock of groceries.

We are handling exclusively the Fort Saskatchewan Milling Co.'s Flour. This flour is giving excellent satisfaction. Try a sack of it. Do you keep cows? Do you want to make them a paying investment during the winter? If you do, use "National Cream" for milking cows. This feed increases the milk yield wonderfully in a very short time and keeps the cows in splendid condition. It will pay you to use it. Only \$1.00 a sack. Special rate by the ton.

Respectfully soliciting a share of your patronage.

BECKETT & CO., Edmonton.

Note.—To my customers throughout the country who favored me with their orders recently for my that owing to my having formed a partnership and opened the above business I have discontinued my trips through the country, and would therefore ask you to kindly call and receive them. We now have them in stock. If they don't suit you bring them back.

Xmas Greetings

We wish all our friends and customers a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year, and thank them kindly for the liberal patronage we have received during the past year, which has been the most successful in our business career.

We are still at the front with complete lines of

Clothing,
Hats, Caps,
Furs,
Boots, Shoes,
and Rubbers.

We lead in our lines because we show as good values and larger range than any other house in the trade. We buy for cash, thereby securing the very best values in all lines, and sell for cash, thereby saving all the expenses incidental to a credit business, of which our many customers get the benefit, as well as being more advantageous to ourselves.

Trusting that we may continue to deserve by our fair and honest dealing and strict attention to business the confidence of the public generally, and again thanking you all for past patronage, we remain,

Yours truly,

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Wild
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Just the kind of Souvenir to send your friends in the East.

Prices from 25cts. upwards.

Also a fine assortment of Christmas and Holiday Goods.

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"Alberta Patent"

"Alberta Strong Bakers"

"Our Daily Bread"

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Wholesale Orders a Specialty.

Traders would do well to enquire for prices before purchasing elsewhere. Once used always used. More bread to the sack than any other Flour manufactured in Alberta.

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We have just received a large stock, consisting of

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Confectionery

Fruit Cakes, Biscuits, Grapes Raisins, Oranges, Lemons, Apples, Figs. . . .

Orange, Citron & Lemon Peel.

All kinds Nuts, Toys, Xmas Boxes. Also Allen's Cider.

Give us a call We will give you 2 lbs. Candy for 25cts. 4 lbs Apples for 25cts.

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FREE DELIVERY.

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Heavy and Light Team and Single Harness to order.

Collars fitted and Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Repairs promptly made. Fittings supplied.

See our stock of Light Driving Whips. Closest figures for Cash.

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SOLE AGENT NORTHERN ALBERTA.

A. Macdonald & Co.

WISH YOU ALL

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

and thank their many customers for their liberal patronage during 1896, and solicit a continuance of the same for 1897. . . .

Yours truly,

A. MACDONALD & CO.

FASHIONABLE CUSTOMS AT

XMAS.

It is becoming quite the custom now to give a piece of Furniture for a Xmas Present. In fact the manufacturers appear to be aiming at getting out something neat, tasty, strong and durable; just such articles as would be acceptable for the above purpose and at such prices that will not embarrass the most economical buyer these hard times. We have nice Bamboo Tables with Oak Top and Shelf at \$1.50; Oak and Bamboo Book Shelves, Wall Pockets, Wall Brackets, Photo Frames and Pictures running from 75c. up to \$2.00. Should you wish something better, we would like to mention our Cobbler-seat Rockers in Oak at \$4.50, the best value in Rockers ever shown in Edmonton. Our warerooms are full of so many things that will help to make your home comfortable and attractive and that will remain such for years. We are confident that in the future you will feel that the furniture dealer is not the only one that has profited by your investment. Come and we will help you choose something.

J. T. BLOWEY,

Agent for the Heintzman Piano, Doherty Organ and Raymond Sewing Machine.

. Xmas Presents .

If you want a useful Christmas Present call and see our

Fancy Granite and Allumizum

Tea Pots

Rogers' and other makers of Pocket and Table Cutlery

Plated Ware. Stand Lamps. Acme Skates, all sizes.

String Bells. Hall Lamps. Hockey Skates.

Library Lamps.

Enterprise Meat Choppers and Chopping Bowls.

ROSS BROS.

Wholesale and Retail Hardware, Edmonton, Alberta.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS.

Commencing on Jan. 1st, '97, all accounts due the BULLETIN for printing and advertising will be rendered monthly instead of quarterly, as heretofore. The BULLETIN has to meet its expenses either at sight, weekly, or monthly at furthest. This being the case quarterly accounts are a considerable strain on the financial resources of this journal. The publisher believes that the public can be better served if the finances of the paper are kept well together by the prompt rendering and payment of accounts.

RAILWAYS.

From the list of applications for railway charters appearing elsewhere it would seem that Western Canada is on the eve of a tremendous railway development. Particularly is this the case regarding British Columbia and Alberta and still more particularly in regard to the much talked of connection through the Crow's Nest Pass, for the privilege of building which there are four applications. A most favorable showing on the surface, but not so favorable when investigation is carried below the surface. The experience of the West regarding every railway with which it is blessed, except perhaps the Lethbridge roads, is that instead of an application for a railway charter being an indication that men of means have sufficient confidence in the country and its future to warrant them in investing their money in a legitimate enterprise that will tend to its further development, it is merely an indication of a desire to use a railway charter as an excuse to swindle the country out of a larger amount of money than would be possible by any other means. There is no indication that the present applications for charters are made for any other purpose than previous applications have been. With the single exception mentioned in the Territories, and the Manitoba Northwestern in Manitoba, every mile of railroad in the Territories, and for that matter in Manitoba, has been built directly out of the public funds or indirectly on the public credit, and not only so, but the promoters have not been satisfied with getting a railway for nothing; for every dollar of cash that went into the railway at least another dollar went into their pockets. This is true regarding the Canadian Pacific. It is true regarding the Northern Pacific in Manitoba; it is true regarding the Regina and Prince Albert road, it is true regarding the Calgary & Edmonton; and it is commonly reported that the last road built, that to Lake Dauphin in Manitoba, is the most flagrant example in the long and disgraceful list. Instead of getting better, the case has been getting worse, and the crop of applications now gazetted is merely an indication that the vultures have scented what they hope will be another carcass.

The country must have railways if it is to be developed, and where railways are built in advance of settlement or business, as they must and should be to some extent in a new country, capitalists cannot be expected to, and will not, furnish the whole of the money required for such enterprises. The only other source from which the necessary funds can be procured is the people at large represented by the government. It is as right as it is necessary that under these circumstances government aid should be extended to railway enterprises. The only question is the proportion of aid and the proportion of benefit to be derived by the public in consideration of the money paid. The idea that the mere existence of a railway is sufficient compensation for whatever amount of money the public may have contributed directly or indirectly is exploded, at least in the West. If it were only a question of mail service and pullman passage that consideration might be sufficient. But unfortunately the mail and pullman services are the small, the very small, part of the consideration to the general public. The freight rate and service is the great consideration and a philosopher is not needed to know

that where cheap produce has to be transported half around the world to reach a market, the value of the railway to the industrial and commercial life of the country depends on whether the freight rates charged are reasonable or otherwise. That they are distinctly otherwise throughout Western Canada the producers in these lean years of low prices know to their cost and sorrow. The country has paid for the railways—it has doubly paid for them—and it has not received that benefit from their presence which the amount paid should have guaranteed. As a consequence we have had stagnation where we should have had progress, and every man, every settler, every investor, even the railways themselves, have suffered therefrom.

In the face of these facts, is the system to be continued of giving away two dollars to secure the expenditure of one, and still worse giving away the right of control which is absolutely necessary to secure value for the grants made? The arguments which apply in favor of government control in return for government expenditure under ordinary circumstances, apply with tenfold force in the case of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The absolute necessity of a change of general policy is proven, but even if it were not the special circumstances surrounding the proposed Crow's Nest Pass railway are such as to require the most absolute control by the government for the protection of the people, even if not a dollar of government aid had to be furnished. If this road is for any purpose it is for the purpose of overcoming the natural disadvantage of great distance between important parts of Canada, so as to cut out the more advantageously situated competition from the United States. If this is not the purpose of the road it has no special purpose, and this purpose cannot be secured unless the people through the government have all to say in fixing the railway rates.

This road is of no use to Canada unless it will enable Canadians to hold the Kootenay market. Unless it is under government control it may be used as many other government aided roads in Canada have been used to the disadvantage of Canadian trade and to the advantage of the trade of our rivals across the line. It might not be so used—but in the light of past experience we cannot afford to take chances, no matter what the cost.

The swindle that has been worked upon the public in the case of the vast majority of western roads may be illustrated by the case of the C. & E. This road is 300 miles long. It cost say \$10,000 a mile to construct, \$3,000,000. It got a cash subsidy of \$80,000 a year, which pays 4 per cent. interest on \$2,000,000. It received a land grant of 6,400 acres per mile or 1,920,000 acres. This bonded at say \$1.00 an acre furnishes the balance of the cost of construction and leaves nearly a million to be divided between the promoters. The road bed is then bonded for say \$5,000 a mile which leaves another million and half to be divided up amongst the same set of philanthropists. The road instead of having to pay interest on only one million of debt has to pay interest on nearly three and a half millions, (besides the amount paid by government by way of subsidy) of which two and a half millions went directly into the pockets of the promoters, and never helped the railway a cents worth. It is clear that interest on three and a half millions is a greater burden on the traffic of the road than the interest on one million would be. If the interest is paid it is the settlers along the C. & E. line will have to pay it, although they have received no advantage from it. Hence the necessity of high rates. Is this not robbery? It will be noticed that no share capital was necessary in the building of this railway. It is in the bonding powers of the company that the steal comes in. Surely parliament and the government will not allow the country and the people to be robbed of money and of control in the case of the Crow's Nest Pass railway as they have been in the case of the C. & E.

EX-COMMUNICATED.

L'Electeur, the liberal daily of Quebec city, edited by Ernest Pacaud, was formally placed under the ban of the Roman Catholic church on Sunday, Dec. 27th, by the reading of a mandament to that effect signed by the bishops of Quebec, Three Rivers, Nicolet, Rimouski, and Chicoutimi,

in all the churches of Quebec city. The reading was received in a very unfriendly spirit by the liberals present and many expressed their disapproval by leaving the churches. The action of the clergy made it impossible to continue the paper. A new proprietary company was at once organized to use L'Electeur's material with which to issue a paper called the Soliel. Pacaud retires from the management and enters action for \$25,000 damages against the bishops signing the mandament. The Soliel is conducted on the same lines as L'Electeur. La Patrie, of Montreal, owned and edited by H. Beaugrand, supports Pacaud and defies the bishops. The question in Quebec is not, now the school question, but whether the people of that province are to be allowed to exercise the ordinary rights of free citizens. The extreme position taken by the clergy can only alienate from the support of the conservative cause, in whose interests this action has apparently been taken, the Protestants of the Dominion, and cannot strengthen in their allegiance to their church those Catholics who claim the rights of free citizens.

STILL THEIRS.

Toronto World's Ottawa dispatch: It is said the recent mission of Mr. Drinkwater of the C. P. R. had to do with the prospective line through the Crow's Nest Pass. The matter is now fully before the government. Mr. Drinkwater intimated that after the C. P. R. have the matter of the Crow's Nest Pass line well in hand they will take up another scheme, which would aid materially in the development of British Columbia. This is the building of a branch line from Revelstoke to Rossland and other camps in Southern British Columbia.

C. P. R. EARNINGS.

The C. P. R. gross earnings for November, 1896, were \$1,964,684; working expenses \$1,102,536; net profits \$862,148. In November, 1895, the net profits were \$1,008,066; and for the eleven months ending November 30, 1896, the figures are as follows: Gross earnings \$18,755,726, working expenses \$11,572,577; net profits \$7,183,149. For the eleven months ending November 30, 1895, there was a net profit of \$6,606,486. The decrease in net profit over the same period last year is therefore, for November \$145,917; and from January 1 to November 30 there was an increase of \$574,666.

There is no use

putting it off any longer as there will be nothing gained by it. If you need any goods of any description now is the time to buy them, and the only question to consider is, where are you going to buy them, where can you do the best and be sure of getting the best value for your money...

This is both a wise and important matter to consider whether times are good or bad. In the opinion of a large number of the most prosperous people in the country, who are the shrewdest and most careful of buyers, McDougall's is the place the year round, in any kind of times, and no matter what is the size of your purse. No purchasers too small or none too large. One and all receive the very best of values, and they all come back for more.

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AND A

Happy New Year

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Prices—the lowest.

Stock—fresh, choice and complete.

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NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session by the Calgary & Edmonton Railway Company for an Act extending the time limited for the completion of the unconstructed portions of the railway, and to change the Head Office of the Company from the City of Montreal to the City of Toronto, and for other purposes.

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BEAVER LAKE (EAST).

Miss McKay, who has been out visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Steele, left for Edmonton on the 29th.

A Christmas tree entertainment came off in the Presbyterian church on Christmas eve. Quite a number were present. Rev. N. F. Janssen occupied the chair. The following is the programme:

PART I.

After the doxology had been sung, Rev. N. F. Janssen led in prayer, and read the second chapter of St. Luke's gospel; hymn, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," by the audience; organ solo, "Home Sweet Home," Nettie Asher; recitation, "The Bicycle Craze," Henry Hunter; recitation, "The Christmas Tree," Sunday school boys; Joe McCallum; recitation by three little girls, "Santa Claus' Girls," Kitty McCallum, Mabel McCallum, Jessie Steele; Cicee hymn, with violin accompaniment, Alfred Whitford; reading, "The Showman's Chitship," Duncan McCallum; hymn, by all, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," reading, "How He Saved St. Michael's," Nettie Asher; recitation, "Hohenlinden," John Hunter; reading from Pickwick, Mr. Prector; song by Miss C. McKay.

PART II.

Intermission and refreshments.

PART III.

Song, "Grandfather's Clock," Mr. Moody, encore, "The Bells," song, "Yew we Swindled the Bural Club," Mr. Fane; encore, "The Widow Malone," F. W. W. Fane, J. P., then handed round the presents, which, if not very costly, were numerous. The entertainment was then brought to a close by singing the national anthem.

Dec. 30th, '96.

EDNA.

Miss McNeil, with a few friends planned for a good time on Christmas night at the Beaver Creek school house. The fun came off last night in the form of a gigantic Christmas tree and soiree. The house was full at an early hour, most prominent citizens were present. Visitors were, Miss Boss, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, Fort Saskatchewan; Messrs. Drayton and Woodruff, with families. "The Pines," The programme was very long and well received. Many encores. At the close of this most enjoyable entertainment a surprise party for a dance at the residence of Mr. Alvin was organized.

Threshing is now about finished.

W. Anderson, although much discouraged by his fire in the fall, is not leaving the country, he having recently built a large stable, also additions and improvements to his residence.

Mr. Holmes and family are visiting at Creekford just now.

Miss Boss, of the Fort, is on a visit here.

The wife of E. S. Harris, of Thistle-dew creamery, presented the family with a boy on the 12th inst.

Beaver Creek school will run another six months.

Limestone lake and Creekford schools have closed down.

A public meeting was announced at the soiree last night to be held Jan. 15th, at the Beaver Creek school house regarding the establishment of a creamery.

Dec. 12, '96.

OLDS.

Mrs. O. S. Moore returned from the Calgary general hospital last Thursday.

Jas. Walker, of the popular hard ware firm, Walker Bros., took the south train last Friday on a vacation trip. He assured the bachelor fraternity before leaving, however, that his departure need give them no uneasiness.

David Shannon returned from the Kootenay country last Thursday to spend the holidays with his family.

We have been enjoying the Italian brand of weather for the past four weeks, and as a consequence all out door work has been progressing at a rapid clip. The hay business is continuing strong; considerable grain being bought and held; dressed meats in fair demand; egg supply, light; butter market active.

Holiday cheer is on and heavily on at that. Between Christmas anniversary entertainments, and the usual festive annexes, a wedding has been sandwiched in and the end is not yet. They will not probably subside until after the annual school meeting.

G. B. Batho made a good shipment of pork to British Columbia from this point recently and expects to be in a position to continue buying during the winter.

In the BULLETIN's write up of the '96 output of Alberta creameries we noticed "Olds not heard from." We learn from the Rosebud Creamery Co., that their season's churning turned out nearly 8000 pounds of No. 1 butter. The patronage next season promises to be greatly augmented.

The Hainstock settlement led out in Xmas choir's by giving the public a way-up Christmas tree and entertainment on Tuesday night, 22nd inst., in the school house, consisting of recitations, songs, dialogues, instrumental music and the advent of old Santa. They had a huge time and nearly everyone was there.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, their

daughter, Nina, was joined in marriage to George Coventry, last Wednesday afternoon, Rev. P. Naismith officiating. The happy couple have the best wishes of a wide circle of friends.

Thursday night witnessed the Christmas tree and entertainment at Olds. Extensive preparations were made for a good time and they had it. With a well rendered programme and a heavily laden tree who should be dissatisfied? Santa Claus' presence cut no narrow swath in the entertainment, and such a sweat was he put through that we understand John Halenback has prescribed Pink Pills to ensure his recovery.

INDIAN EDUCATION.

Winnipeg Commercial: In regard to the question of Indian education, the difficulty is not in educating the young Indians, but in making them useful citizens after they have been educated. Most of those who have studied the matter say that the young Indians soon lapse into their old ways after they return to their people. This is what might be expected. If the young people could be settled in colonies by themselves, or placed out among the whites, no doubt good results would be obtained from them. The idea in sending them back to the reserve is probably that they will gradually exercise a civilizing influence over their savage neighbors, and thus in time bring the entire Indian population to a fair state of civilization. It is, however, a great hardship to the young people to be sent back to the reserves, after having received a taste of civilization. It is also probable that under such surroundings, very few of them will be able to make much use of their education. We cannot expect more from the Indian children than from the whites, and very few white children would ever become useful members of society under such circumstances.

FURS.

Jas. McMillan & Co. fur buyers of Minneapolis report in their circular of Dec. 18: The market is dull for most kinds of furs, because this season's business is over and the American manufacturers have not had much trade, consequently the bulk of the furs, as has been the case for several years, will have to be placed in Europe. Next week is the last week that shipping furs can be sent abroad to go into the January London sales. This sale will govern the prices of furs in Europe, although not all kinds will be offered as they will be in the March sale. On account of the increased offerings, March prices may be lower than January, the same as they were last year. Most furs now being received are prime and grade No. 1. Furs caught in October and early November grade Nos. 2 and 3; those taken earlier No. 4. Mink are generally the best when trapped in December. Budget when caught early grade low and are about worthless; in fact, do not as a rule grade No. 1 until trapped after coming out of their dens in the spring. Muskrat caught in October grade as fall. Prime furs are red or white on the flesh side; unprime, blue or black. The furs in poorest demand are Badger, Beaver, Wild Cat, Lynx and Wolf.

HOW IT LOOKS TO PROTESTANTS.

Tribune: Five bishops of the province of Quebec, belonging to the district of Quebec, the most Liberal portion of the province, have issued a mandament placing L'Electeur, the leading French Liberal paper of Quebec, under the ban of the church, and giving for their reasons, among others, that its attitude on the school settlement was improper. That is not the true reason; the real one lies in the fact that there is shortly to be a general provincial election in the province, and that the clergy fear the influence of L'Electeur. They wish to save their provincial friends if possible their privileges or abuses, and have one Conservative province at least sandwiched in between all the other Liberal ones, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

ONTARIO COAL.

The Mail and Empire: A quantity of coal from the mine near Sudbury has been received by Messrs. Campbell Currie and Company, and a baseburner stove was kept running in their office all day Tuesday. The quantity of stove size is limited, just enough to run the stove for several days. The coal will be burning in their office and the public will have an opportunity of seeing Ontario coal burning for the first time in this city. A large number of people saw the coal burning and it burns as readily as the best anthracite. There is no truth in the rumor that the C. P. R. will not give the company a special rate as soon as the mine is shipping.

R. McEachren, superintendent of quarantine, says that when at Washington, Hon. Mr. Fisher and himself completed negotiations with the United States government for abolishing the quarantine between both countries, but retaining it as against other countries. Instead of a quarantine between Canada and the United States, there will be in future a rigid inspection. The only objection to this change came from small ranchers, who feared competition from the States.

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HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Friday.
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 Jasper—L. Watson, M.D., Jacob Beckony and wife, C. D. Baster, R. S. Condit, Fort Saskatchewan; D. L. McKimley, N. J. White, H. McGillivray, Stony Plain; D. Craig, P. B. Cuniff, Sturgeon; H. Granke, South Edmonton; Geo. Gairdner, St. Albert.
 Alberta—D. M. Howard, J. F. Forbes, Fort Saskatchewan; J. A. Calder, Calgary; D. J. Macpherson, Scotland.
 Jasper—Geo. Sutherland, Spruce Grove; C. F. Stewart, Fort Saskatchewan; W. H. McMahon, South Edmonton.

RAILWAY CHARTERS.

Never since the days of the boom of 1881 has there been such a number of applications to parliament for and in regard to western railway charters as appear in the Canada Gazette of Dec. 26th.

The Rocky Mountain Railway and Coal Company want an extension of time for the construction of their railway from Calgary to Lethbridge and thence to the boundary; and for power to connect Lethbridge with MacLeod.

The Trans-Canadian railway company applies to change the name of the company; to extend the line, and for power to construct a branch from the northeast end of Lake Winnipeg to York Factory on Hudson's Bay, also a branch from a point near where the proposed main line will cross the St. Maurice river in the province of Quebec to the city of Montreal.

The Alberta Railway & Coal Company applies for a revival of its powers to extend from Lethbridge to Hope, B. C. by way of Fort MacLeod through the Crow's Nest Pass, with power to construct a branch to Rossland and Trail.

Application is made for power to build a narrow gauge railway from Glenora on Stikine river to a point on Teslin Lake, B. C.

A company applies to build from Vancouver, B. C., easterly to Lethbridge, Alberta, with a branch line to Kamloops and to the Gulf of Georgia.

The Manitoba Southeastern railway company applies for an extension of time.

The Calgary & Edmonton railway company applies for an extension of time for completing the requirements of its charter, and to transfer its head offices from Montreal to Toronto.

The Lake Manitoba Railway & Canal Company applies to confirm its agreements with the Manitoba government and the Manitoba North-western railway; to confirm certain transfers of its government subsidies, to confirm mortgages made by the company and its bond issue, and to empower the company to issue land grant and second mortgage bonds and preference stock, and empowering the company to extend its line to the river Saskatchewan.

Application is made by a company to build a railroad from Sayward, B. C., through the towns of Trail and Midway to Penticton on Okanagan lake.

The Crow's Nest Pass railway company applies to construct from Lethbridge through the Crow's Nest Pass to Rossland, B. C., with a branch line to Nelson, B. C., and with power to make traffic arrangements with other railways from Rossland through a pass in the Hope Mountain to Victoria, B. C.

Application is made for authority to construct a standard or narrow gauge railway from Revelstoke northwards up the valley of the Columbia river to the junction of Canoe river, at the Big Bend.

The Columbia and Kootenay railway and navigation company applies for authorization to construct a railway between some point on the present line between Nelson and Robson on the south and Revelstoke on the north with such branches as may be authorized by the governor-in-council. Work to commence before July 1st, 1900, and to be completed within five years from that date.

The British Columbia Southern railway company holding a provincial charter from the coast to the summit of the Crow's Nest Pass applies for a federal charter and for authority to extend easterly to MacLeod and Lethbridge.

PRAIRIE AND FOREST FIRES.

Origin. The cause from which fires ensue are as various as human carelessness and folly can make them. Their occurrence is no new development, arising from the changing conditions which accompany advancing settlement. Forty years ago Palliser, during the three years over which his examination of these western plains extended, had frequent occasion to mark the carelessness with which the Indian population appeared to regard a prairie fire. It was set out by the Indians themselves to mark out such trivial incidents as the return of a hunting or foray party, and once set going their seemed to be not the slightest concern to control it. It is not improbable that for hundreds of years fires have been employed by the native

population to signalise both ordinary and extraordinary incidents. The historic aspect of fires on the North American continent would present an interesting study but this allusion to the subject is merely intended to serve as a warning to the reader not to permit himself to run away with the idea that fires belong necessarily to the chain of incidents which characterize the advance of civilization.

During the past twenty years the Indian population has largely given place to the things of modern progress. This being the case, we might expect to experience a diminution in the number of fires, of late years, corresponding to their destructiveness and to the fact that the human agency by which they are set out can, in every instance, control them. The facts are, however, strongly opposed to this rational conclusion. Fires seem to increase in number and destructiveness with the progress of settlement. Among the causes which conspire to bring about this evil condition we must give foremost place to ignorance and indolence.

The settlers have not understood the danger and damage resulting from fires and the heavy tax which their recurrence imposes on the future of the community in which they occur. That tax comprehends heavier rates of fire insurance; a diminution of the supply of timber for domestic purposes—such as fuel, building, fencing and the like; a climatic change, in diminishing the volume and constancy of the rainfall; the sterilization of valuable hay meadows, the surface soil of which is burnt and rendered unproductive. If an individual—responsible for the setting out of fire—does happen to understand these things he may be too indolent to do more than take what measures he conceives to be necessary to protect his own property, reckless of possible evil consequences to his fellows. We shall have to make a trinity of the causes of mischief: ignorance, indolence and selfishness.

The public imperfectly understand the matter, and in natural sequence, our laws and the administration of the laws, are lax and desultory.

Let us take a concrete example of the kind of incident to which this condition of things gives rise. Last fall a series of fires occurred in the eastern part of the Edmonton district. It is now too late, perhaps, to ascertain their origin but the circumstances attending them point a useful moral from the study of which we may yet gain some advantage. The fires did not break out simultaneously, but followed each other in quick succession. Visitors to the ground, after the fires subsided, discovered that a vast area of land had been overrun; that the property destroyed included about ten million feet of valuable spruce timber, some buildings and a large quantity of hay; they further observed that the hay that had been saved had apparently been protected by means of burning the grass immediately surrounding the stacks.

If one were desirous of getting at the history of the series of fires referred to it does not seem to need the detective sagacity of a Scotland yard expert to know how to set about it. The Northwest ordinance is explicit as to the method to be pursued in burning around hay for the purpose of protecting it against fire; it prescribes that such work may be done in the presence of a stated number of able bodied men. It would appear to be a simple matter to have supervised the owners of the hay which was safeguarded in the manner described, and to have obtained their evidence as to the compliance with the requirements of the ordinance. Was it worth while to go to the trouble and expense of doing this? Is anything worth while? Human life had been endangered by these very fires; private property was destroyed, which meant tooting short of ruin to individuals; from \$25,000 to \$50,000 of merchantable timber had gone up in smoke. Add to these circumstances the fact that the immunity which the fire-setters enjoy in respect of this incident cannot fail to encourage them in future acts of recklessness, and in may be said that a case has been made out which would seem to indicate that it was worth somebody's "while" to do something to preserve this community of Alberta from acquiring not only the reputation, but all the evil fruits, of a rank stupidity at which our contemporaries may stare and posterity curse. These hot and lurid terms are foreign neither to the matter nor the argument.

As the law stands, it is believed to present a practicable machinery whereby we may accomplish a great deal if fire guardians of the district are to be aroused to a full sense of their responsibility, and made to feel that in the most drastic measures which they may take they have the active sympathy of the community.

It is suggested that whilst it is possible to administer the existing law so as to insure the public safety, one radical change—at least—might be made with advantage. This is to do away entirely with the permission to burn around hay stacks, unless the stacks be in the farmer's yard. It is urged, on behalf of this recommendation, that in nine cases out of ten the fires which run at large, and which do most damage, are those which are proved to have originated in or near the hay meadows. It is,

however, difficult to see that it is practicable to entirely prohibit the setting out of fires in the hay camps although this perhaps is not the intention. It may be that a fire for cooking purposes might be easily and effectually controlled; and that this effectual control is more difficult where it is attempted to burn over the wider extent of land which is necessary to protect hay stacks. It is but poor criticism which finds fault without suggesting a remedy. The above remarks are intended to show that the evils from which we suffer so grievously are due, in a large measure, if not entirely, to our own laxity and neglect. It is true, however, that despite the most intelligent and assiduous effort on our part fires will continue to occur; this branch of the discussion relates not to fire prevention, but to fire control, and will, therefore, receive separate treatment.

METEOROLOGICAL.

The following temperatures are reported from the Dominion government observatory, Edmonton, for the dates given:

January.	Max.	Min.
Thursday 31.	16	-9
Friday, 1.	10	-7
Saturday, 2.	24	-
Sunday, 3.	21	-3
Monday, 4.	6	-
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ESTRAY.
 On premises of James Mowat, Otter Creek ranch, near Lac St. Anne, 7th Dec. 1896, one grey pony mare, no brand, right fore leg white and left hind legs white, marks of hobbles on mare; one dark brown pony horse, white mark on forehead about three inches long, one inch broad between the eyes, slanting from left to right, left hind leg white to the hock. Both about 14 years old and about six years old. Owner will prove property, pay expenses and take away.

9th Dec. 1896. JAMES MOWAT,
 Otter Creek Ranch.

ESTRAY.
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